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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 6/29/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18,25,27-32,37-47 and 49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement

1. Acknowledge is hereby made of the amendment filed 06/29/2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-18, 25,27-32, 37-47, 49 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Re claim(s) 1-18, 37-45, and 49, exhaustive search of Prior Art of record does not reveal an authentication system comprising two light sources and at least three light sensing devices, wherein

- the first light source capable of generating a photoluminescent emission from a medium having a luminescent tag and a color,
- the second light source capable of generating a second analog response different from the luminescent emission, and
- the light sensing devices are for detecting analog emission intensity in a spectral sensitivity range

wherein each light sensing device has a different device spectral sensitivity range which includes at least a portion of the visible multi-wavelength spectral distribution, and

wherein the device spectral sensitivity range of at least one of the light sensing devices includes at least a portion of a desired photoluminescent emission wavelength range; and

wherein each light sensing device is configured to receive at least one of the photoluminescent emission and the second analog signal.

Re claim(s) 25 and 46-47, Prior Art does not teach a data device comprising an authentication analog measurement device with the specifics similar to those as detailed in claim 1 and further comprising a comparator for determining if the detected analog signature is from an authentic medium and an information device capable of reading/writing to the authentic medium

Re claim(s) 27-32, prior art does not disclose a data device comprising:

an authentication analog measurement device capable of generating a detected analog signature of a data storage medium;

a comparator capable of determining if the detected analog signature is from an authentic medium, wherein the comparator is in operable communication with the measurement device; and

an information device capable of at least one of reading from and writing to the authentic medium, wherein the information device is in operable communication with the comparator;

wherein the measurement device further comprises a first light source having a first light source spectral distribution and being capable of providing sufficient excitation to produce a photoluminescent emission from a medium comprising a luminescent tag and a color, wherein the photoluminescent emission has a photoluminescence intensity;

a second light source having a visible multi-wavelength spectral distribution and being capable of providing sufficient visible multi-wavelength illumination of the medium to generate a second analog response, wherein the second analog response is different from the photoluminescent emission; and

at least three optically filtered light sensing devices for detecting analog emission intensity in a spectral sensitivity range;

wherein each light sensing device has a different device spectral sensitivity range which includes at least a portion of the visible multi-wavelength spectral distribution;

wherein the device spectral sensitivity range of at least one of the light sensing devices includes at least a portion of a desired photoluminescent emission wavelength range; and

wherein each light sensing device configured to receive at least one of the photoluminescent emission and the second analog signal.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien T. Mai whose telephone number is 571-272-8283. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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